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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

JP '861 was cited in an Office Action dated January 28, 2003, which issued in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application.


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